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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/069,573	Applicant(s) OGASAWARA ET AL.	
	Examiner Samuel P Siefke	Art Unit 1743	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/1/04.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5 and 7-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims **1, 3-5** and **7-10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP 62-100649 in view of Brody et al. (USPN 3,489,498).

JP '649 teaches a flame analysis method and apparatus that for quantification of phosphor and sulfur (hetero elements, different) compounds in an elution liquid from a liquid chromatography and element analysis on phosphorus and sulfur handily, whereby a liquid sample on a strip of porous paper material is supplied into a flame of a flame photometer. An analyzer (1) is provided with a burner (2), a photoelectric multiplier (3; light guide) and a combustion chamber (9) having an exhaust port 4 and a roller carrier

means to feed a strip filter paper (5) is attached to a flame set in the combustion chamber (9) with a burner along the length thereof. This carrier means is composed of a guide (6), a roller and a roller-driving motor (71). A strip porous paper material holding a liquid sample is introduced continuously into the flame, where the porous paper material is burnt away, components to be inspected in the liquid sample is vaporized and burnt, emitting light. The intensity of the emission spectrum is detected with a light receiver.

JP '649 does not teach a dual analyzer that comprises a hydrogen flame photometric analyzer and a hydrogen flame ionization detector.

Brody teaches dual detector as shown in fig. 3 and a method of using the detector that comprises a flamed photometric analyzer (29 and 28) and a hydrogen flame ionization detector (62) that are directed connected to recorders for recording results from the reaction (col. 5, lines 23-col. 6, line 43). Brody teaches that up to three analyses can be conducted concurrently from a single burner flame fed from a suitable sample source (col. 3, lines 3-5). Therefore it would have been obvious to modify JP '649 to have dual detection as in Brody in order to simultaneously run multiple tests on a sample to reduce testing time and reduce the amount of sample needed to perform analysis. Brody also teaches a plural of spectroscopic means (detection) having different transmission wavelengths, each with its own analyzing and recording units (col. 5, lines 29-45; col. 6, lines 32-43). A mirror (prism) is seen in figure 2 ref. 37.

JP '649 does not teach a mechanical shutter between the spectroscopic means and the light means. It would have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the

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art to modify JP '649 to provide a mechanical shutter between the spectroscopic means and the light analysis means in order to keep the light analyzing means shielded when a detection of a sample is not taking place.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 7 and 8 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7 and 8 of copending Application No. 10/893,217. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the instant application is a dual detector and application 10/893,217 is a single detector. It would have been obvious to only have a single detector in cases where a specific analysis was to be performed and there would be no use for the second detector. This would cut down on cost per analysis.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims **1, 3-5,7-10** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

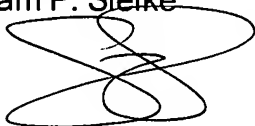
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel P Siefke whose telephone number is 571-272-1262. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00am-5:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill A. Warden can be reached on 571-272-1700. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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